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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DETECTION KIT, MEASUREMENT PLATE  
THEREFOR, DETECTION METHOD,  
EVALUATION METHOD, POLYCLONAL  
ANTIBODY TO FROG VITELLOGENIN AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Examiner: C. E. Foster

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

**MS RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Preliminary Amendment, filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination, also serves as a full and timely response to the Final Office Action dated October 19, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated April 3, 2007. A Petition for Extension of Time within the Third Month is filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Appendix** begins on page 14